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SUBJECT: GOL INTEREST IN ANTI-TERRORISM PREPARATION

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SUMMARY. GOL HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER LACK OF PREPARATION TO MEET POSSIBLE TERRORIST INCIDENTS AND SEEKS USG COOPERATION IN REMEDYING SITUATION. AS MENTIONED IN ANNUAL POLICY ASSESSMENT (REFTEL), EMBASSY IS ANXIOUS TO COOPERATE AND REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN KEEPING GOL INFORMED OF RELEVANT CONFERENCES OR TRAINING SESSIONS WHICH ITS OFFICIALS MIGHT ATTEND. END SUMMARY.

1. MINISTRY OF PUBLIC FORCES HAS CONTACTED EMBASSY WITH LOW-KEY REQUEST FOR COOPERATION IN TRAINING LUXEMBOURG POLICE TO HANDLE INCIDENTS INVOLVING TERRORISM, HOSTAGES OR KIDNAP SITUATIONS. MINISTRY OFFICIALS CANDIDLY ADMIT THAT LUXEMBOURG SECURITY FORCES ARE AT PRESENT COMPLETELY UNEQUIP-
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PED TO DEAL WITH SUCH SITUATIONS AND WOULD FACE DIFFICULT

PROBLEM SHOULD TERRORIST ATTACK ON EMBASSY, TRANSPORTATION LINES OR GOL OFFICIALS TAKE PLACE. WHILE THERE IS NO PARTICULAR REASON TO EXPECT A TERRORIST INCIDENT HERE, MINISTRY OFFICIALS ARE FRANKLY CONCERNED THAT THE VERY LACK OF PREPARATION COULD CONTRIBUTE TO ATTRACTING ONE.

2. MINISTRY BELIEVES KEY ELEMENT IN SUCH SITUATIONS WOULD BE CHOICE OF TACTICS EMPLOYED. IT IS THEREFORE MOST INTERESTED, NOT IN TRAINING FOR LINE OFFICERS, BUT IN ANY CONFERENCES OR SEMINARS SUITABLE FOR ATTENDANCE BY SENIOR LUXEMBOURG OFFICIALS ANXIOUS TO DISCUSS APPLICATION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIOLOGICAL LESSONS LEARNED IN PAST INCIDENTS TO RESOLUTION OF TERRORIST SITUATIONS. OFFICIALS EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN PSYCHOLOGY OF HOSTAGE SITUATIONS AND ANALYSIS OF TACTICAL ALTERNATIVES BY POLICE AUTHORITIES WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED SUCH INCIDENTS.

3. REQUEST DEPART (S/CCT) KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF ANY PRIVATE OR USG-SPONSORED CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, OR INTERNATIONAL TRAINING SESSIONS REGARDING ANTI-TERRORISM TECHNIQUES WHICH GOL OFFICIAL MIGHT BE INVITED TO ATTEND. WHILE THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE OR URGENT REQUIREMENT FOR SUCH TRAINING, EMBASSY IS OFTEN UNAWARE OF POSSIBILITIES IN THIS AREA AND WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO EXTEND FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE TO GOL SHOULD POSSIBILITY ARISE.

4. AS A FIRST STEP IN SETTING UP THE COOPERATION WE ENVISAGE, MINISTRY HAS BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE EMBASSY'S MARINE SECURITY GUARDS WITH LIMITED TRAINING IN CONTROLLED DETONATION OF EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE. IN ADDITION TO IMPROVING EMBASSY SECURITY AND REINFORCING WORKING CONTACTS, THIS SHOULD DOWNPLAY THE ONE-WAY ASPECT OF OUR ASSISTANCE AND INSURE THAT COOPERATION IS PUT ON RECIPROCAL BASIS. FARKAS

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